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In re application: Jyawook, et al.

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For: THERMOPLASTIC VEHICLE WEATHER STRIPPING

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

This paper is a further response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 23, 2003.

Applicant respectfully submits evidence of commercial success indicating that the claimed invention cannot be considered obvious. The attached Declaration of Sam Jyawook provides evidence of commercial success of the claimed invention and, therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 based upon *Hendrix* combined with *Chen, et al.* should be withdrawn.

As indicated in the Declaration, the assignee of this application was recently awarded a purchase order from DaimlerChrysler that will result in nearly \$800,000 per year in sales. Such commercial success of the claimed invention is enough to overcome any *prima facie* case of obviousness that the Examiner contends is established by the

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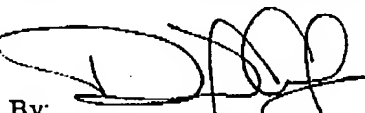
proposed combination of *Hendrix* and *Chen, et al.* Applicant still contends that there is no *prima facie* case of obviousness because it is not possible to use the *Hendrix* arrangement with a microcellular material. The proposed combination does not provide a workable result and there is no *prima facie* case of obviousness. Even if the Examiner were correct and there were sufficient motivation to combine the references, the evidence of commercial success submitted now is sufficient to rebut and overcome that so that the claims cannot be considered obvious.

Applicant respectfully submits that this submission is timely because the purchase order has only recently been awarded to JYCO. The Declaration based upon the purchase order could not have been submitted before the purchase order was issued in February 2004, which is after the mailing date of the final office action. Therefore, even though the Declaration of Sam Jyawook was not submitted prior to a final office action, it is respectfully submitted to be timely. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in light of the evidence of commercial success submitted herewith.

Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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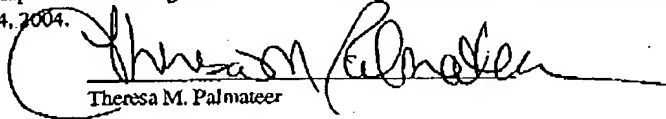
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